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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

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SERIAL NO.: To Be Assigned

FILED: January 11, 2002

FOR: METHOD AND PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITION FOR PREVENTING
AND/OR TREATING SYSTEMIC
INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE
SYNDROME

Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

Honorable Director of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRIORITY CLAIM and ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

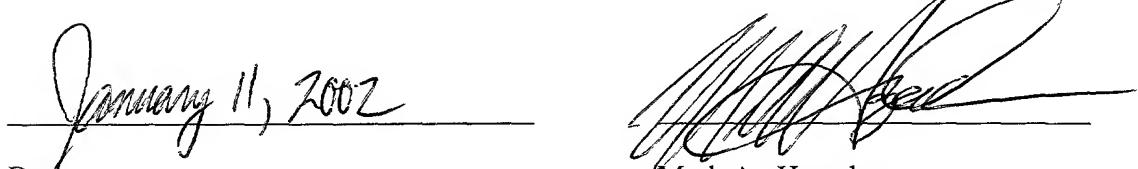
Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority benefits based upon the co-pending U.S. national phase application, filed December 31, 2001 and titled "Ligands for Use in Therapeutic Compositions for the Treatment of Hemostasis Disorders," which in turn was based upon International Application Serial No. PCT/EP00/06677 having an international filing date of July 13, 2000, claiming priority from GB 9916450.1 and US 60/143,891. Applicant's further claim priority of co-pending U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/261,405 filed on January 11, 2001.

Applicants hereby assert small entity status under 35 CFR § 1.27 with respect to the payment of fees for prosecution of the instant U.S. application.

The sequence listing information in written form (pages 1-15) submitted herewith and the sequence listing information in computer readable format (two 3.5" diskettes labeled Copy 1 and Copy 2) submitted herewith are identical.

Respectfully Submitted,


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